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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: LESOTHO COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF MAURITIUS (FOR OAU), PANAMA, FRANCE,
BOTSWANA, PAKISTAN, SWEDEN, USSR, TANZANIA, GUYANA,
JAPAN, ITALY, AND ROMANIA SPOKE CONCERNING LESOTHO COMPLAINT
AT MEETING OF SC MORNING DECEMBER 22. COUNCIL THEN ADOPTED
BY CONSENSUS DRAFT RESOLUTION S/12260, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS.
(SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS BY SEPTTEL.)

2. US AND UK SPOKE IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE.
TEXT OF AMBASSADOR SHERER'S STATEMENT ALSO
FOLLOWS. LESOTHO FOREIGN MINISTER MOLAPO THANKED MEMBERS
OF COUNCIL IN HIS CLOSING STATEMENT. FOLLOWING MEETING,
LESOTHO PERM REP MOLAPO THANKED US WARMLY.

QTE: BENIN, GUYANA, LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC, PAKISTAN,
PANAMA, ROMANIA AND UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA: DRAFT
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THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE
KINGDOM OF LESOTHO ON 21 DECEMBER 1976,

GRAVELY CONCERNED AT THE SERIOUS SITUATION CREATED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BORDER POSTS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND LESOTHO AIMED AT COERCING LESOTHO INTO ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO THE BANTUSTAN TRANSKEI,

RECALLING RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 3411 D (XXX), CONDEMNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BANTUSTANS AND CALLING ON ALL GOVERNMENTS NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE BANTUSTANS,

RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6 A ON THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND OTHER BANTUSTANS, WHICH, INTER ALIA, CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO DENY ANY FORM OF RECOGNITION TO THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND TO REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANY DEALINGS WITH THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI OR OTHER BANTUSTANS,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSKEI BANTUSTAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE DECISION OF LESOTHO CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE REALIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS OBJECTIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

TAKING NOTE OF THE URGENT AND SPECIAL ECONOMIC NEEDS OF LESOTHO ARISING FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER POSTS,

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1. ENDORSES GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6 A, WHICH, INTER ALIA, CALLS UPON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO DENY ANY FORM OF RECOGNITION TO THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI AND TO REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANY DEALINGS WITH THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT TRANSKEI OR OTHER BANTUSTANS;

2. COMMENDS THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO FOR ITS DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE OF TRANSKEI;

3. CONDEMNS ANY ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICA INTENDED TO COERCE LESOTHO INTO ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO THE BANTUSTAN TRANSKEI;

4. CALLS UPON SOUTH AFRICA TO TAKE IMMEDIATELY ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO REOPEN THOSE BORDER POSTS;

5. APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO SO THAT IT CAN CARRY OUT ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND

ENHANCE ITS CAPACITY TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE UNITED NATIONS
RESOLUTIONS ON APARTHEID AND BANTUSTANS;

6. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATIONS AND
PROGRAMMES CONCERNED, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED NATIONS
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME AND ALL
THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, TO ASSIST LESOTHO
IN THE PRESENT SITUATION AND TO CONSIDER PERIODICALLY
THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO AS ENVISAGED
IN THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,
TO ORGANIZE, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, ALL FORMS OF FINANCIAL,
TECHNICAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
TO ENABLE TO IT OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES ARISING
FROM THE CLOSURE OF THE BORDER POSTS BY SOUTH AFRICA
DUE TO ITS REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THE SO-CALLED INDEPENDENCE
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OF TRANSKEI;

8. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP THE
SITUATION UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW AND MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON
WITH MEMBER STATES, REGIONAL AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, AND TO REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AT ITS SUBSEQUENT MEETING ON THIS QUESTION;

9. DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE QUESTION. UNQTE.

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QTE: THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED IN THE CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION BECAUSE WE WISH TO MAKE VERY CLEAR OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS MAIN POINT. RESTRICTING MOVEMENT BETWEEN LESOTHO AND THAT TERRITORLY KNOWN AS TRANSKEI HAS IMPOSED SERIOUS BURDENS ON THE ECONOMY OF LESOTHO, AND WE BELIEVE THE WORLD COMMUNITY SHOULD ASSIST LESOTHO IN THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD.

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. PRESIDENT, I MUST COMMENT ON OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE RESOLUTION. IT ENDORSES AND QUOTES GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6 A, ON WHICH TH UNITED STATES ABSTAINED.

MY DELEGATION DID NOT ABSTAIN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECAUSE WE INTEND TO RECOGNIZE THAT TERRITORY KNOWN AS TRANSKEI. ON THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE MADE IT EMINENTLY CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF RECOGNIZING THE SO-CALLED TRANSKEI. WE DO, HOWEVER, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ATTEND TO THE WELFARE AND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. REALISTICALLY, THE OCCASION MAY ARISE IN THE FUTURE WHEN IT UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE SOME CONTACT WITH THE AUTHORITIES OF THE ENTITY IN QUESTION. DESPITE THE FOREGOING, MR. PRESIDENT, WE FEEL THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS RESOLUTION CLEARLY IS TO ENCOURAGE ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO AND, ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE JOINED IN THE CONSENSUS ADOPTION.

IN THAT CONNCTION, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES ALREADY IS EXTENDING SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO. E HAVE COOPRATED IN A REGIONAL HEALTH PROJECT INVOLVING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE AND FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS, AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM INTENDED TO UPGRADE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS OF HEALTH PERSONNEL IN PLANNING AND MANAGING A NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM. WE ALSO ARE COOPERATING WITH PROJECTS IN LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION AND LIVESTOCK, FARM MANAGEMENT, IRRIGATION, AND AGRICULTURE. WE CURRENTLY ARE EXAMINING OTHER WAYS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO.

MR. PRESIDENT, WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID DEMONSTRATES OUR COMMITMENT TO HELPING THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO TO OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE WAY OF THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. WE HOPE THAT THE CONCERN OF THIS COUNCIL WILL BE HEARD AND THAT THE BORDER POSTS IN QUESTION WILL BE OPENED PROMPTLY TO THE FREE MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO.

BEFORE CLOSING, MR. PRESIDENT, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR AND SATISFACTION WITH THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND CLOSE COORDINATION WHICH WENT INTO THE PREPARATION OF THIS RESOLUTION. SUCH COORDINATION CLEARLY ASSISTED THE COUNCIL IN REACHING A CONSENSUS AGREEMENT. IT IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WHICH CAN ONLY ASSIST US ALL IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS BEFORE US. WE HOPE THAT THIS EXAMPLE MAY BE FOLLOWED IN THE FUTURE. UNQTE.

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